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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DOT OFFICIAL

1. SEPTEL REPORTED TRAVEL PLANS OF MR. RAY W. BRONEZ, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS, DOT, ARRIVING PARIS AM JANUARY 29 EN ROUTE GENEVA.
2. BRONEZ WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY CALL ON MILLER AT EMBASSY AND KRAMISH AT OECD MISSION DURING AFTERNOON OF 29TH, IF AVAILABLE.
3. ON JANUARY 30TH, BRONEZ WOULD HOPE CALL ON FRYBOURG AT IRT TO DISCUSS (A) STATUS OF PROSPECTIVE COOPERATION IN EVALUATION OF AUTOMATED GUIDEWAY TECHNOLOGIES, AND (B) POSSIBLE NEW COOPERATIVE PROJECT IN FIELD OF TUNNELLING DESCRIBED BELOW.
4. POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR COOPERATION IN TUNNELLING IS UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCHANGES OF LETTERS BETWEEN SECRETARY VOLPE (9-18-72) AND

MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT AND HOUSING GUICHARD (1-19-73).
VOLPE LETTER IDENTIFIES BRONEZ AND GUICHARD LETTER
FRYBOURG AS GENERAL POINTS OF CONTACT. TECHNICAL
COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY HAS SINCE PROCEEDED BETWEEN MAJTENYI
OF DOT/FHWA AND RAMEL OF CENTRE D'ETUDES DES TUNNELS IN

LYON. CURRENT SPECIFIC DOT INTEREST CONCERNS IN-SITU
MEASUREMENT OF SOIL STRESS AND IN PARTICULAR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A PROTOTYPE SELF-BORING PRESSURE METER
(PRESSIOMETRE AUTO-FOREUR) BY THE LABORATOIRE CENTRAL
DES PONTS ETS CHAUSEES, 58 BLVD LEFEBVRE (TEL 532-3179),
ANOTHER ELEMENT OF MIN EQUIP. LAST SEPTEMBER FHWA WROTE
TO LABORATORY FOR TECHNICAL DETAILS (AND PRICE) OF THIS
EQUIPMENT. NOVEMBER REPLY FROM MR. PAREY OF LABORATORY
WAS RESPONSIVE WITH TECHNICAL SUMMARY (AND INDICATED
MINIMUM PRICE OF 70 THOUSAND FRANCS). PAREY LETTER ALSO
INDICATED DESIRE EXPAND CONTACT WITH DOT IN THIS AREA,
INCLUDING TEST PROGRAMS. BRONEZ WOULD WISH EXPLORE
POSSIBLE ARRANGMENT FOR LOAN OF EQUIPMENT TO FHWA FOR
EXTENSIVE TESTS AND EVALUATIONS (FRENCH TO RECEIVE ALL
RESULTS), PLUS LONGER-TERM POSSIBILITY OF JOINT WORK
PROGRAM TO DEVELOP SECOND GENERATION EQUIPMENT.
BELIEVE THIS SHOULD MOVE THROUGH FRYBOURG, AS DESIGNATED
POINT OF CONTACT, BUT WOULD HOPE FRYBOURG COULD BE
ENCOURAGED INCLUDE PAREY IN DISCUSSION OR ACQUIESCE IN
SEPARATE MEETING WITH LATTER ON 30TH. SISCO

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